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1. EFFECT ON OUR BILATERAL RELATIONS WITH GUATEMALA OF SAN JOSE CONFERENCE AND OF US DECISION TO RESUME NEGOTIATIONS WITH PANAMA HAS BEEN SMALL - IN LINE WITH OUR ASSESSMENT REF B THAT IMPACT OF THIRD COUNTRY ISSUES IS GENERALLY SMALL - BUT POSITIVE. GOG'S SATISFACTION WITH SAN JOSE OUTCOME STEMS PRIMARILY FROM ITS SUCCESS IN CONCEALING FROM ITS DOMESTIC RIGHTWING FACT THAT IT PLANNED TO VOTE FOR FREEDOM OF ACTION RESOLUTION, BUT GOG IS ALSO PLEASED THAT IT WAS ABLE PUT ITSELF WHERE IT ALWAYS PREFERS TO BE, WITH MAJORITY OF HEMISPHERE AND WITH US. NEITHER GUATEMALA'S VOTE NOR RESOLUTION WILL CHANGE GOG'S POLICY OF AVOIDING OFFICIAL CONTACT WITH CUBA. UNOFFICIAL CONTACTS, PARTICULARLY IN SPORTS, WILL CONTINUE TO BE PERMITTED.

2. AS FOR PANAMA, GOG IS OF COURSE PLEASED WITH ANY STEP THAT KEEPS US AND PANAMA IN NEGOTIATIONS, AVOIDS CONFRONTATION, AND HOLDS OUT HOPE FOR EVENTUAL DEFUSING OF ISSUE.

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